

STOCKPORT COLLEGE

**Minutes of the Property Steering Committee held on 12th November 2009 at 5:30pm in
Conference Room A**

Present:

Louise Congdon (Chairperson)
Derek Caldwell
Lynn Merilion (Principal)
Ian Roberts
Paul Carter
Liam Donnelly

In Attendance:

Keith Alcock Deputy Principal (Finance and Resources)
Barry Watson (Clerk to the Corporation)
Jason Challender (Property Project Director)
Mark Gaunt
Manoj Guhathakurta
Geoff Taylor
Malcolm Winton
Elaine Preece
Trevor Rees
Joanne Schofield

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairperson welcomed members of the Board of the Corporation who were not members of the Property Steering Committee to the meeting.

Minute no:

Actions

PSC/44/09 Apologies for Absence

The Clerk to the Corporation reported that no apologies for absence had been received.

PSC/45/09 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in any of the meetings business items.

PSC/46/09 Minutes of the Meetings held on 11th June and 9th July 2009

The minutes of the meetings were approved and accepted as a correct account of the meetings' proceedings.

PSC/47/09 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PSC/48/09 Property Strategy – The Way Forward

The Deputy Principal presented a report to the Committee which outlined the up to date position with regard to the College's property strategy and made proposals which enabled the Committee to consider a way forward for a revised property strategy.

The Deputy Principal also made available a copy of the detailed report (Property Update) that was submitted to the Board of the Corporation at its meeting on 5th November 2009.

The Committee discussed and debated the report in great detail and after discussion it was agreed that the following principles should be adhered to in the development of a new property strategy:

- The consolidation onto one town centre campus with the commitment to a small but continued presence at the Heaton Moor site.
- A significant reduction in the overall space of the Institution to a level yet to be determined.
- The continued redevelopment of St Thomas for a yet to be determined usage.
- The vacation and demolition of the Ruell Harrison Block as the first step in the re development of the Campus.
- The commitment to the creation of open space and plazas, the creation of a central student services, separate learning zones and a wireless and technology rich campus.
- The development of the George Wood workshops for a usage yet to be determined.
- The University Challenge bid is progressed as part of a strategy to define a distinct area for HE provision.
- That residential planning permission should now be sought for the Heaton Moor development
- That the development of a multi storey car park was not now a priority and that alternative car parking arrangements should be drawn up.

After discussion it was resolved that the Deputy Principal should now seek local specialist advice to assist in drawing up a revised master plan which would incorporate the above principles for the Committee's consideration. It was also agreed that the above principles were subject to the development of an agreed financial package to facilitate the strategy.

Action:

Deputy Principal

PSC/49/09 Phase 1 (Workshops)

The Project Director presented a report which outlined the up to date position with regard to the progress of the Phase 1 – Workshops.

The Committee discussed in detail the up to date position with Wates and the potential impact that their claims might have on the contingency budget. After discussion it was resolved that the report be noted and that the position with regard to the Committee meeting with Wates be monitored on an on going basis.

Action:

Property Steering Committee

PSC/50/09 Phase 2 (St. Thomas)

The Project Director presented a report that outlined the current position with regard to the current envelope stabilization/restoration contract (Phase 2b) and the future new build contract (Phase 2c).

After due consideration of the report it was resolved that it be noted.

PSC/51/09 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the Clerk to the Corporation would liaise with the Deputy Principal concerning the most appropriate date for the next meeting.

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Committee was on Thursday 10th December 2009.

Action:

Clerk to the Corporation

The meeting closed at 7:35pm.

Trevor Rees left the meeting at 6:30pm.